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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL**

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO SB 29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☐ Previously submitted
- i. ☐ Consider the Reply To _____ previously filed on _____.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ **Enclosed**
- i. ☒ **Reply To Final Office Action dated December 20, 2007 and accompanying Transmittal Letter**
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:

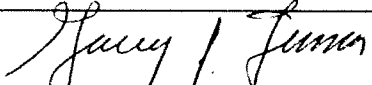
2. Miscellaneous

- Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(e) for a period of _____ months.
- a. ☐ months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(n) required)
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. Fees

- The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed
- a. ☒ **The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013:**
- i. ☒ **RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e), estimated to be \$810.00**
- ii. ☒ **Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$120.00 for a one month extension, the request for which is being made herewith.**
- iii. ☒ **Any additional fees required in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith.**
- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed
- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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